MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether there are any limits of qualifications for an Inspecting Medical Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether Dr. Noble did not recommend that the Kottaram Government Dispensary be handed over to the Mission Institution?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Government fruit farms.

24. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state how many Government fruit farms there are in the State and where they are?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): There is only one Government fruit farm in the State and that is situated at Kottaram near Cape Comorin.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How are these fruits disposed of?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: They are sold to the public.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Have the Government any idea of opening new farms in other places, for example, Shencotta, south Travancore and the High Ranges?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: At present Government have no idea.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether there are facilities for the upkeep of the fruit gardens such as water-supply, etc., at the Cape?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: There was some difficulty in regard to water-supply during the summer months, but that difficulty is now overcome by taking water in carts.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action for digging a well in the fruit garden?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: We have already dug up one or two wells there.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Do these give sufficient water for the fruit garden?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The major portion of the requirements is being met by these wells.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Does not the member think that sufficient and copious water-supply is necessary?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: If the farm is to be extended, we must have other sources of supply.

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MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI May I know whether the department is supplying grafts from the fruit garden?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: We are supplying large number of plants to the public.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: By increasing the supply of grafts does not the member think that there will be a large stimullus to the fruit industry in Travancore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Certainly.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state the price that is fixed for each graft mango?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: At present it is Re. 1 per plant.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know the price of the graft mango in Mysore and Bangalore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: That varies. In the case of certain varieties of mangoes, they charge Rs. 2, while in certain other cases it is annas 12.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know the kind of graft that is charged Rs. 2?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: For the same kind of mango grafts for which they charge Rs. 2 we charge only Re. 1 per plant.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state the kind of graft mango that is charged Rs. 2 at Bangalore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The same kind.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: What is the kind?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Mulgoa.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Is the member giving these rates from the printed catalogues of the Mysore firms?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I have got catalogues of dealers in fruit plants all over India.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Does the member think it proper to have a reduction in the case of mango grafts?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I am now thinking of reducing it from Re. 1 to annas 12. That will be done in one or two months.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether there were applications for opening fruit gardens in Kalkulam or Vilavankod taluks?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether any facilities were given?

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MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: An application was made by the member himself. I promised to give him all possible help by way of expert advice, etc., for nothing. That is all that the department can do.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to give the applicants facilities for meeting the actual costs?

PRESIDENT: You are not in order.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether the size of the mango produced this year was the same as that of last year?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: There is hardly any difference. In the same tree there are fruits of different sizes. Occasionally there may be fruits of a small size.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state—?

PRESIDENT: You have put questions once.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: This question arises out of the supplementary questions put by the other member.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN (*Nominated*): What is the expenditure per annum?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: That depends upon the acreage of the estate, the number of plants, and so forth.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know from the member the actual expenses that are incurred by the Government at present for maintaining the fruit farm at Cape Comorin?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: We are spending about Rs. 1,000 a year.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN May I know the actual yield per annum?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The planting was begun only in 1099. Only a small proportion of the fruit trees are bearing. If we wait for half a dozen years more all the trees will come to bearing and then there will be very large profit.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know the actual yield in 1108?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Up till the end of Edavam 1108 the actual yield was Rs. 350.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know the actual expense that was incurred by the Government for the maintenance of the fruit garden in 1108?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: It will be between Rs. 900 and Rs. 1,000. Not more than that.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know whether the department is doing propoganda work as to the nature of the species that are available in the farm?

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MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: We have published a notification in the Gazette. All the officers who move about do propoganda work and tell the agriculturists about the existence of the fruit farm, the fruit trees available there and the method of cultivating fruit trees. All these items of information are made available to the people.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know whether any advertisement is made outside the State?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Not much, because there is no necessity. At present we are not able to meet the demand in Travancore itself.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know the total cost incurred by Government on the fruit farm up-to-date?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Including the capital expenditure it will be about Rs. 10,000.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Karunagapalli*): എന്തെല്ലാം തരത്തിലുള്ള പഴങ്ങളാണ് അവിടെ കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: പലതും കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. ഓർമ്മയുള്ളതൊക്കെ പറയാം. മാവ് (നാടൻ തരം), പലതരംപേര, മുന്തിരിങ്ങാ, ആറൻജ്, ലയിം, സപ്പോഡില, ഫിഗ് ഇങ്ങനെ പലതുമാണ്.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: ഇവിടെ ഇപ്പോൾഇല്ലാത്ത പുരിയപഴമുള്ള ചെടികൾ കൃഷിചെയ്യണമെന്ന് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവയിൽ പരിശോധിച്ചുനോക്കി കൊള്ളാമെന്നുള്ളവയെ, പണമുള്ളതുപോലെ, കൃഷിചെയ്യണം.

Length of the Railway in the State.

25. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of the South Indian Railway; and

(*b*) the length of the Railway running through the Travancore State;

MR K. GEORGE: (*a*) The member is referred to Time Tables and Guides published by the Company.

(*b*) The length of the State Section is 97·97 miles.

Employees in the South Indian Railway.

26. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many employees there are in the various services of the South Indian Railway;

(*b*) how many of them are Travancoreans and what their pay is?

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